

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

1 25. (Previously Presented) A method of detecting liquid, the method
2 comprising:
3 providing a material;
4 using the material to absorb the liquid;
5 detecting a change in material characteristic while the liquid is absorbed by the
6 material; and
7 generating a signal in response to said change in characteristic.

1 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the material characteristic is
2 size.

1 27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the material characteristic is
2 color.

1 28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the material characteristic is
2 conductivity.

1 29. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the material characteristic is
2 capacitance.

1 30. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the material characteristic is
2 weight.

31-35. (Canceled)

1 36. (Original) A method of detecting liquid, the method comprising:
2 detecting a change in size when the liquid is absorbed by a capillary material; and
3 generating a signal responsive to said change in size of the capillary material.

1 37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the fiber includes
2 a capillary fiber.

1 38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the material
2 includes a capillary material.

1 39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the fiber includes
2 a capillary fiber.